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In re application of:

Nazarenko et al.

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**Nucleic Acids** 

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Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: Tung, J.

Atty. Docket: 0942.4980006/RWE/FRC

Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended two (2) months from January 2, 2004 to March 2, 2004 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$420.00 for a two (2) month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| Account<br>Number                                                                                                                |                     |                                              | 19-0036                            |                             | 1051        | 130                                      | 2051 | 65          | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath                                             | ree Falo     |  |  |
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| Name                                                                                                                             |                     |                                              |                                    |                             |             | 130                                      | 1053 | 130         | Non-English specification                                                       |              |  |  |
| The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)  X Charge fee(s) indicated below  X Credit any overpayments                |                     |                                              |                                    |                             | 1812        | 2,520                                    | 1812 | 2,520       | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination                                 |              |  |  |
| X   Charge fee(s) indicated below   X   Credit any overpayments   X   Charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s) |                     |                                              |                                    |                             | 1804        | 920*                                     | 1804 | 920*        | Requesting publication of SIR prior to                                          |              |  |  |
| =                                                                                                                                |                     |                                              |                                    |                             | 4005        | 4 0 40*                                  | 4005 | 4 0 40*     | Examiner action                                                                 |              |  |  |
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| FEE CALCULATION                                                                                                                  |                     |                                              |                                    |                             | 1251        | 110                                      | 2251 | 55          | Extension for reply within first month                                          | 122.22       |  |  |
| 1. BASIC F                                                                                                                       |                     |                                              | RECOLATION                         |                             | 1252        | 420                                      | 2252 | 210         | Extension for reply within second month                                         | 420.00       |  |  |
| Large Entity S                                                                                                                   |                     |                                              |                                    |                             | 1253        | 950                                      | 2253 | 475         | Extension for reply within third month                                          | ļ            |  |  |
| Fee Fee                                                                                                                          | Fee Fe              | <u>e                                    </u> | ee Description                     | Fee Paid                    | 1254        | 1,480                                    | 2254 | 740         | Extension for reply within fourth month                                         |              |  |  |
| Code (\$)<br>1001 770                                                                                                            | Code (\$<br>2001 38 |                                              | Utility filing fee                 |                             | 1255        | 2,010                                    | 2255 | 1,005       | Extension for reply within fifth month                                          |              |  |  |
| 1001 770                                                                                                                         | 2002 1              |                                              | Design filing fee                  |                             | 1401        | 330                                      | 2401 | 165         | Notice of Appeal                                                                |              |  |  |
| 1002 540                                                                                                                         | l                   | 65                                           | Plant filing fee                   |                             | 1402        | 330                                      | 2402 |             | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                          |              |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                  |                     | 85                                           | Reissue filing fee                 | ,                           | 1403        | 290                                      | 2403 | 145         | Request for oral hearing                                                        |              |  |  |
| 1005 160                                                                                                                         |                     | 80                                           | Provisional filing                 | ····                        | 1451        | 1,510                                    | 1451 | 1,510       |                                                                                 |              |  |  |
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|                                                                                                                                  |                     |                                              | UBTOTAL (1)                        | (\$)                        | 1453        | 1,330                                    | 2453 | 665         | Petition to revive - unintentional                                              |              |  |  |
| 2. EXTRA                                                                                                                         | CLAIM               | FEES                                         |                                    | Y AND REISSUE<br>Fee from   | 1501        | 1,330                                    | 2501 | 665         | Utility issue fee (or reissue)                                                  |              |  |  |
| " The same of                                                                                                                    |                     | _                                            | Extra Claims                       | below Fee Paid              | 1502        | 480                                      | 2502 | 240         |                                                                                 |              |  |  |
| Total Ciaims                                                                                                                     |                     | <u> </u>                                     | ••=                                |                             | 1503        | 640                                      | 2503 | 320         | Plant issue fee                                                                 |              |  |  |
| Independent<br>Claims                                                                                                            | ـــــا              | J ,                                          | **= L X <u>L</u>                   | =                           | 1460        | 130                                      | 1460 | 130         | Petitions to the Commissioner                                                   |              |  |  |
| Multiple Deper                                                                                                                   | ndent               |                                              | L                                  | ] =]                        | 1807        | 50                                       | 1807 | 50          | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)                                             |              |  |  |
| Large Entity                                                                                                                     |                     |                                              |                                    |                             | 1806        | 180                                      | 1806 | 180         | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                       |              |  |  |
| Fee Fee<br>Code (\$)                                                                                                             | Fee<br>Code         |                                              | Fee Descript                       | <u>iion</u>                 | 8021        | 40                                       | 8021 | 40          | Recording each patent assignment per                                            |              |  |  |
| 1202 18                                                                                                                          | 220                 | 2 9                                          | Claims in exces                    | s of 20                     | 1809        | 770                                      | 2809 | 385         | property (times number of properties) Filing a submission after final rejection |              |  |  |
| 1201 86                                                                                                                          | 220                 | 1 43                                         | Independent cla                    | ims in excess of 3          | 1000        |                                          | 2005 | 000         | (37 CFR 1.129(a))                                                               | <del> </del> |  |  |
| 1203 290                                                                                                                         | 220                 | 3 145                                        | Multiple depend                    | ent claim, if not paid      | 1810        | 770                                      | 2810 | 385         | For each additional invention to be                                             |              |  |  |
| 1204 86                                                                                                                          | 2204                | 4 43                                         | ** Reissue inde<br>over original r | pendent claims<br>patent    | 1801        | 770                                      | 2801 | 385         | examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))  Request for Continued Examination (RCE)             |              |  |  |
| 1205 18                                                                                                                          | 220                 | 5 9                                          |                                    | ns in excess of 20          | 1802        | 900                                      | 1802 | 900         |                                                                                 |              |  |  |
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